Crochet and Knit Items Lead Chic Back-to-School Wardrobes

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

HURRY up, girls, and get out your crochet hooks (your knitting needles, if you are a knitter) and crochet and crochet (or knit) for all you are worth. If you are still away on a vacation, don't let that stop you but keep on crocheting! If you are home and tingling with enthusiasm to begin planning your back-to-school wardrobe, fashion puts it up to you to "improve each shining hour" by making up a collection of clever crochet or knit fancies. You'll be surprised when you begin to compare notes with your campus chums, what a host of saucy hand-crochet and knitted "pretties" they have brought along.

Of course you will be fashion-wise as any of your dormitory sisters, that's why we are picturing a group of crochet and knit items, so that you can "get busy" and accumulate quite a collection to flaunt before the admiring eyes of your companions by the time "school begins."

Especially in millinery, crochet steps blithely into the fashion picture this fall. Whether you like a flattering brim or a saucy pompadour "beanie" your new headpiece will be smarter if it is hand-crocheted. The girl that comes to the first class-meet in the new semester, hatted in a nifty sailor like the one shown above to the left in the group will create a sensation. It is made of bolifast mercerized cotton, is washable and believe it or not, costs merely a few cents for the material. Here's a style tip—crochet yourself a sailor like this one, in a striking new fall color to wear with your smart town and travel suit.

A hat that has "lots of style" is shown above to the right. Use the single crochet stitch and you can speed along like lightning on row after row. Bright Mexican colors in pearl cotton lend an authentic air to this gay toreador hat inspired by the type worn in the bull ring.

You'll be wanting several gay back-on-the-head pompadour caplets, to round out your collection of campus millinery, and miracle of miracles!—with the aid of your trusty crochet hook you can whip up one in a jiffy exactly like the cunning model centered above in the picture. The cost for material is too insignificant to count.

Where can any college girl find anything more striking, more dramatic in the way of a chic headpiece than the picturesque stocking cap worn by the white-jacketed girl standing to the right in the foreground! Here is a type that will lay siege to any fair collegiate's heart. Make it in animated multi-color crochet cottons and wear it with the nonchalance of a gay senorita as you trek along in the campus style parade.

Of course a knitted sweater in red, white and blue will become a necessary luxury in college and be sure to add a matching hat. As shown here to the left, the sweater is white and made of a very special knitting woolen, soft and caressable to the touch. Go to your nearest fancy-work shop or department store and ask for the newest in yarns. If you finish your sweater of red and blue crochet edges as pictured you will win the hearts of soldier boy friends galore.

Be on the lookout for the new wool dresses that have hand-crochet revers, pockets, vestees, sleeves, and even appliques of crocheted flowers. These crochet-plus-fabric dresses have become fashion's pet hobby for fall and winter.

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Silhouette Changes Considered Drastic

When you attend various fashion shows designed to open the fall program of dress, go with an open mind and be prepared to see startling changes. You may have been going serenely along with the thought that you have a perfectly good suit or coat that you can wear again this season, but when you see the new "lines" you will find suddenly, you have changed your mind.

There is a decidedly new order of things in the fashion world in the way of easy lines that stress a supple blouse movement above the midriff. Sleeves have undergone a transformation stressing dolman effects and even when sleeves are set into their deep armholes they give the impression of dolman sleeves. However the appearance of broad shoulders is maintained through a gentle rounding off that depends on especially contrived shoulder pads, to hold a firm flattering line.

Skirt interest is running high. Fullness is adroitly introduced to convey the idea of slenderness and the new tiered effects are making conversation throughout fashion realms. Watch peplums and tunics for they play a star role in this season's styling technique, with pleated skirts also very much in evidence.

Bright Green Veils

Huge white or black hats be-veiled in green mist are ever so chic for summer. If you want to give your flowery toque or sailor hat extra fillip, enswathe it with a veil that is as green as the fresh green of early spring verdure.

Wool Lace Coat

Here we have the ideal medium for the early autumn coat. It will be well worth while to look up black wool lace, that is so fabric-like it can be styled and manipulated like most any material. Armand Scardapane designs the striking coat pictured here, of handsome black wool lace.

The new fall coats definitely reflect the cape influence. This model heralds a coming vogue in the cape and wool fabriclike lace.

Lights of New York

by L. L. STEVENSON

Had a few free hours and rather than hang around the apartment, May and I boarded an Eighty-sixth street crosstown bus and went a-venturing. In the course of time we ended up in Carl Schurz park which we had never before visited. As a matter of fact, many a native-born New Yorker has never seen Carl Schurz park and many a visitor has been right in its immediate vicinity without being aware of its presence. Visitors usually miss it because the new East River drive, so popular with motorists, instead of passing through the park, runs under it. It is not of great interest to New Yorkers, unless they live in the neighborhood because it has no zoo or Coney Island features. Then too, it is one of the small parks in the city, its total area being but 13 acres. It is six blocks long extending from Eighty-fourth to Ninetieth street and one block wide extending from East End avenue to the East river.

• • •

Despite its small size, we found Carl Schurz park interesting for two reasons, the view, and the Gracie mansion. The park is high above the East river. So before the eyes, a marine parade with small boats, steamers and even big ships passing up and down, since the East river is the highway, or rather highstream, for water traffic using Long Island sound. Hell Gate is the portal between the sound and the river. Not far from the park is Little Hell Gate, spanned by the new Triborough bridge and the broken water with its crazy eddies and swirls, caused by a combination of tide and current, indicated plainly why the old mariners chose the name Hell Gate. But as we sat on the benches, we noted many little pleasure boats, including some with white sails.

• • •

Having walked about the park with its flower beds, old trees and pits where children may safely play in the sand, we went into the Gracie mansion. The house dates back to the early 1800s with the windows looking out over the river. The huge rooms, each with its fireplace, are furnished in the mode of the last century so May was always exclaiming over the chairs and tables on the first floor and the old beds, with their curtains and canopies, on the second floor. But the mantlepieces were what really enraptured her. Each one different and each one in excellent taste. What was uppermost in my mind was the enormous amount of fuel it must have taken to have kept the place warm when there were wintry breezes instead of summer sun. But a family with wealth enough to live in a home of that size didn't have to worry about any fuel bills.

• • •

The Gracie mansion is now a part of the Museum of the City of New York and open to the public. That means of course that many realize of the few can enjoy the house and its grounds. But as we walked through it, I imagined I could see ladies and gentlemen of another period turning up their noses at such intruders as us and as we stood in the door of a small room with a little bed and a little desk and chair, I thought I heard the laughter of a child. After all, there had been a time when the old house had been a home and as such, sacred to the memory.

• • •

Outside, we again sat on a bench. Welfare island, with its various buildings, seemed within a stone's throw. In the old days, Welfare island was known as Blackwell's island and many were the tales about the prison there. Within recent years, the penitentiary has been moved to Riker's island, once a dump. But on Welfare island is still a workhouse, where minor offenders do their time. There also are the City Home for the Aged and Infirm and the City hospital. There have been plans within the late years to move the institutions and turn the island into a park. But if that were done, it probably would not be so pleasant for the aged and the destitute sick.

• • •

Somewhere I read that the north end of Carl Schurz park in the old days was known as Horn's Hook and played an important part in the Revolutionary war and the War of 1812.

• • •

When Gertrude Berg sends out invitations for a party at her home, she lists on the back of each the names of all the other guests who have been asked to attend . . . This diplomatic precaution prevents embarrassment for those who are not on speaking terms . . . also for the hostess. It is a very convenient arrangement for all.

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Office Puts Premium Upon Slender Girls

DES MOINES, IOWA.—Small and slender girls are at a premium in the Iowa social-welfare board. Chairman King R. Palmer wrote the Iowa executive council that congestion in the board's file room had caused "inefficient procedure and delayed operations" and "we are literally forced to use only the small girls.

Children May Wed in 7 States

Council Deplores Statutory Age Limits of Only 12-14 for Brides.

PITTSBURGH.—Child marriages, with parental consent, are legalized in seven states, a survey of state laws governing marriage and divorce by the National Council on State Legislation has revealed.

The report of the council, prepared for presentation at the group's convention in Columbus, disclosed that in four states 12-year-old girls are permitted to marry, with consent; that in another, girls of 13 may be legally wed, provided they obtain consent.

The seven states, boys of 14 are permitted to marry, with consent, the survey showed.

States allowing 12-year-old girls to wed are Colorado, Idaho, Mississippi and New Jersey. New Hampshire has a 13-year age requirement. Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Washington will issue licenses to 14-year-old boys.

Ages Are Too Low.

"These ages are entirely too low, even with consent," Mrs. Arnold M. Replogle of Pittsburgh, national president of the council, said.

The survey also found there are 26 states that require a waiting period of between one and five days between the issuance of a marriage license and the performance of the wedding ceremony.

Mrs. Replogle declared the council is in favor of the delays because they "prevent snap judgment on marriages."

"If couples knew there would be a long delay, there wouldn't be so many elopements," she said. "Our checkup on divorces showed that the greater number were granted to those who had eloped."

Mrs. Replogle reported findings of the survey that 17 states require both male and female medical examinations prior to issuance of a license, while in four states only male examinations are made necessary.

Twenty-four states still permit common-law marriages, the report said, but in Pennsylvania a law is in process of legislation to abolish completely all common-law marriages.

Divorce Laws Vary.

Divorce laws of the states vary from that of South Carolina, which recognizes no grounds, to Nevada, which requires a residence of only six weeks and "grants divorces on practically all grounds."

"These are two extremes," Mrs. Replogle explained. "The policy of our council is to bring such terribly divergent laws closer together."

Nineteen causes are recognized as grounds for divorce in the 48 states, according to the survey. Most widespread is adultery, admissible in all states but South Carolina. One state, Delaware, recognizes "habitual intemperance" and Louisiana will grant a divorce on grounds of "public defamation."

The survey on state divorce and marriage laws was prepared under the direction of Mrs. Frank Kerlin of Harrisburg, Pa. The council, founded by Mrs. Replogle in 1938, is organized in 25 states.

'Guest' Prefers Hospital Life; Stays Four Years

ATLANTA.—Living by the philosophy "You can't take it with you," Lt. H. Sands is spending money enjoying life—in the Emory University hospital here.

He's not a real patient, but a paying guest, and has been for the last four years.

"I can't take my money with me, so why shouldn't I spend it by staying where I want to," Sands said. "I like it here," he grinned.

Sands goes and comes as he pleases. He is 70 years old.

A nurse said Sands does not mind being considered a patient. "As a matter of fact," she said, "I think he likes it."

Sands said he likes reading newspapers better than anything else.

'Invading' Tank Knocked Stone Dead by Woman

LONDON.—The crew of an "invading" tank, halted in an English village during army maneuvers, was surprised when the wife of an air-raid warden edged up and suddenly hurled a rock into the open turret.

"You're dead," cried the woman. "That was a bomb!"

"Madam," replied the commanding officer in an icy voice, "I'm not fighting women."

"Well, I'm fighting invaders," was the retort.

An umpire, summoned, ruled that the tank had been "destroyed."

Soldiers Read Poetry And Ignore War Books

WASHINGTON.—A lot of soldiers know that Browning is a poet as well as a machine gun. The war department reported, with evident surprise, that books of poetry seldom gather dust on the shelves of camp libraries.

And, all over the country, troops are showing an enthusiastic disinclination to read books about the war raging abroad much preferring the poetry.

Detroiters Thumb Ride

A surprise strike of street car and bus operators caused 400,000 workers in Detroit to struggle with makeshifts. Here Evelyn Maleski and Daphne Hare are thumbing their way to work.

'Ears Pinned Back?'

This German plane looks like it had its "ears pinned back." Not so, however. It was a fine, almost undamaged specimen of the latest German fighting plane.

Six County Agricultural Fair

OPENING NEXT MONDAY

Shrader Field, Lynchburg, Va.

6 DAYS — NIGHTS 6 SEPT. 8—9—10—11—12—13

Where you will see the finest array of Agricultural, 4-H Clubs, Home Demonstration, Arts, Crafts & School Exhibits, etc.

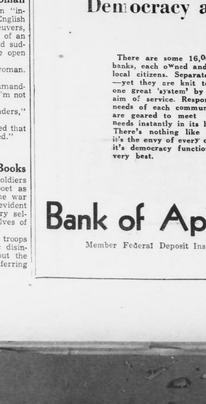
SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DAY, TUESDAY SEPT. 9th.

All school children will be admitted free to the Fair Grounds from 7 A. M. to 6 P. M. on this day. All shows and rides will be 5c each to the school children.

Greatest Free Act Program Ever Presented

Featuring THE HUMAN CANNON BALL, being shot out of a Cannon, over the top of the Ferris Wheels and BUSTER GORDON'S WATER CIRCUS, The 8 Eltons and others.

"THIS IS YOUR FAIR" PLAN TO ATTEND.
ADMISSION— .27c plus 3c Fed. Tax, TOTAL .30c



2 way help for WOMEN

CARDUI

POPULAR FOR 61 YEARS!

Directions on Label

You Must Have Vitamins A and D

You must have Vitamin A and D in protection against infections which are more likely to set in the nose, throat, eyes, ears and sinuses, when there is a deficiency of vitamin A.

You need Vitamin D to help your body make proper use of calcium and phosphorus in the diet.

If you are not getting enough of these two important vitamins, PENNY A DAY may insure adequate intake, if taken as directed.

ONE A DAY VITAMIN TABLETS FOR FARMERS

Bottles 25¢ 90 tablets 85¢
100 tablets $1.50

The American BANKING System

IS

Democracy at its Best

There are some 16,000 American banks, each owned and operated by local citizens. Separate in a sense —yet they are knit together into one great 'system' by the common aim of service. Responsive to the needs of each community, yet they are geared to meet the nation's needs instantly in its hour of crisis. There's nothing like it elsewhere; it's the envy of every other country; it's democracy functioning at its very best.

Bank of Appomattox

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

THE SIX COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FAIR IS BEING PUBLICIZED THROUGHOUT CENTRAL VIRGINIA

Work of publicizing the Six County Agricultural Fair to be held at Shrader Field, September 8th to 13th has been started by the fair officials who are seeking representative exhibits of agricultural products from every community in the section.

A crew of poster and advertising men are at present putting up 5,000 sheets of advertising within a 50-mile radius of Lynchburg.

L. H. Shrader, Secretary-Treasurer of the Six County Agricultural Fair today announced that the premium catalogs are now being printed and will be ready for distribution this week throughout the six counties.

Special events have been arranged for schools children's day which will be Tuesday, September 9th, at which time all school children will be admitted free and treated to the fair grounds free. The fair association has made arrangements with the management of the show for all amusements to be free to the school children. In addition some deserving boy or girl will receive a new bicycle free. The German air force has put into action.

The sensational free act program will take place each afternoon and night, presenting the worlds premier death defying daredevils, with the exception of the opening afternoon on which day the free act will be given only at night.

One of America's outstanding amusement organizations have been contracted to furnish all of the midway amusements. The Ideal Exposition Shows, Inc., America's Best Amusements, will present one of the grandest lineups of mid-way amusements ever presented at the Six County Fair. The big show presents a line-up on the mile long pleasure midway of more than 20 Big Fun Shows, 20 Joyful Riding devices, and a number of concessions. Everything is new and modern.

(Adv.)

era News

ers, Sept. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Coleman, Mrs. T. F. Coleman, Mrs. Sallie P. Abbitt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phelps, of Evelynton.

Mrs. Thomas Covington, of Radford, Billy Covington, of Hampton, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Covington.

Mrs. Robert Tuttey and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tuttey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Garrett.

Mrs. Lessie Turnes, of Prospect is spending this week with Mrs. R. Coleman.

Mr. Walter Robertson, of Washington spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robertson.

Misses Daisy Robertson, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. and Mrs. Percy Thompson visited in the same home Sunday.

Mrs. Irene Garrette, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents.

Misses Dorothy and Phoebe O'Brien, of Richmond and Maynard Hall, of Maryland; Gerald Hall, of Baltimore and Albert Hall, of Washington spent the week-end with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kinsey, of New York spent the holidays with his brother, Judge Kinsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Reynolds, of Baltimore, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Reynolds.

Miss Doris Reynolds, Miss Ola Carter gave a picnic at Holliday Lake Monday afternoon, in honor of Shirley Reynolds. Those present were: Clyde, Harold, Alfred, Myrle Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Reynolds, Mrs. Thornton Carter, Virginia, Richard, David and Willis Carter; Sallie Lou Chernault and Mrs. T. H. Robertson.

Mrs. Dora Conner and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Abbitt.

Henry Chernault, Russell Chernault and Braxton Garrett motored to Lynchburg Sunday.

J. J. Chernault spent Sunday at Pleasant Grove, attending the all-day service.

'Greatest' Fighting Plane Is Announced by Britain

LONDON.—Britain's new fighter airplane, the Typhoon, was described as "the greatest fighting instrument ever put into the air."

Performance figures of the Typhoon were disclosed as it was revealed that the successor to the Spitfire and Hurricane fighters was in mass production.

The plane is a single seater with mixed machine gun and air cannon armament. It flies more than 400 miles an hour with a 2,400 horsepower Sabre engine. Its ceiling is said to be higher than anything the German air force has put into action.

'Ugly Duckling' Ships To Float Ahead of Time

WASHINGTON.—Its vast emergency ship construction program is "well ahead of schedule," the Maritime commission reported and ships will go down the ways in November, a full month ahead of contract dates.

The emergency program, distinct from the commission's long-range construction program, calls for 412 vessels, most of them to be built in newly established yards, but informed sources predicted the program might be increased to provide additional tonnage for this country and Great Britain.

EHRICH'S

LYNCHBURG, VA.

PTOMETRIST -:- OPTICIAN

Eyes Examined—Glasses Fitted

Broken Lenses Duplicated

Quick Service

We Pay Postage

1107 Main St.

We pride ourselves on the long list of prominent Property Owners whose Insurance has been handled by this Agency for years.

People rarely continue to buy from the same Agency year after year unless they.

—Dependable Insurance
—Good Service,
—At a Fair Price.

C. A. BURKE & COMPANY

General Insurance Agents

Telephone 4902
Appomattox, Virginia

OUR DEMOCRACY by Mat

FORESIGHT AND WAR

LIKE OUR LANGUAGE, OUR COMMON LAW, AND OUR REVERENCE FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, OUR SYSTEM OF LIFE INSURANCE CAME FROM THE BRITISH ISLES.

OVER THERE, AS HERE, THE COMPANIES ARE PRUDENTLY GEARED TO WITHSTAND PANICS, EPIDEMICS, WAR.

IN BRITAIN, DESPITE THE WAR, THE COMPANIES SHOW AN ACTUAL 12 MONTHS INCREASE IN ASSETS, PREMIUM INCOME AND PAYMENT TO POLICY HOLDERS.

Notice: Let us furnish that rubber stamp or stamp pad you have been needing.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Phone 30 with Perronals.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Do business with our advertisers.

Buy defense bonds and stamps.

THEY HAVE THEIR CAKE AND EAT IT

In the case of some profitable farm practices it is actually possible to reverse the old adage and make it read "You can have your cake and eat it, too." This is particularly true in the case of farmers who are following recommendations of their county agents and apply fertilizer to their fall wheat crop. By doing so they not only will get increased yields of wheat but also add fertility for the following year's hay crop.

"It is not infrequent for the increased yield of clover and other hay crops which follow fertilized wheat to be sufficient to pay for the whole fertilizing operation," according to H. R. Smalley, Director of Soil Improvement Work, The National Fertilizer Association.

On a demonstration farm in Michigan, the increased yield of alfalfa hay during a two-year period following wheat which was fertilized with complete fertilizer, amounted to 3,771 pounds of hay. At the average price of alfalfa hay, the increase is worth $10.00 an acre for the two years.

One of the best ways to start a high-producing pasture is to fertilize the wheat crop heavily this fall and seed the pasture next spring. In an experiment at Wooster, Ohio, an application of 450 pounds of fertilizer gave an increase of 18 bushels of wheat and more than doubled the pasture yield for several years following.

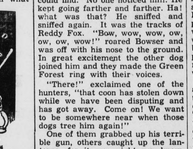
SOUTHERN FARMERS SPEED DEFENSE PASTURES

"Little Stories for Bedtime" by Thornton W. Burgess

BOWSER DOES BOBBY COON A GOOD TURN

Each deed we do, each word we say,
Though trivial they often seem,
May hurt or help somebody else
In ways of which we never dream.

CERTAINLY Bowser the Hound hadn't the least intention in the world of helping Bobby Coon. No, indeed! That was the last thing that would enter his head. And yet Bowser did help Bobby and he did it at just the time when help was most needed. The funny thing is, Bowser didn't know that he was helping Bobby and he doesn't know that he did to this day. And that goes to show how little we can tell what



"Come on! We want to be somewhere near when those dogs tree him again!"

an act of our own may mean to another.

Bobby had reached a hollow high up in a big tree, and in this he had hidden while down below Farmer Brown's Boy and some other hunters were disputing as to who should climb the tree Bobby had last been seen in by all but Farmer Brown's Boy. The latter had seen Bobby crossing from tree to tree and knew just where he was hiding, but Bobby didn't know this and neither did the other hunters. The fact is, Farmer Brown's Boy was really Bobby's friend and the one reason why he was out hunting Bobby that night was to try to keep the other hunters from getting him. It was to give Bobby a chance to reach his present hiding-place that Farmer Brown's Boy had made such a fuss about climbing that tree.

Now Bowser the Hound had begun to lose interest in the hunt for Bobby Coon. He had done his share. He had found Bobby's tracks and he had followed them until he had forced Bobby to climb a tree. It seemed to him that these men folks were dreadfully stupid. He had shown them where Bobby Coon was and he couldn't understand why they didn't get him. Now that he could no longer smell Bobby he was fast losing interest. There was no excitement waiting around the foot of a tree. Presently he began to sniff around to see what other tracks he could find. No one noticed him. He kept going farther and farther. Ha! what was that? He sniffed and sniffed again. It was the tracks of Reddy Fox. "Bow, wow, wow, wow, ow, ow, wow!" roared Bowser and off he went with his nose to the ground. In great excitement the other dog joined him and they made the Green Forest ring with their voices.

"There!" exclaimed one of the hunters, "that coon has stolen down while we have been disputing and has got away. Come on! We want to be somewhere near when those dogs tree him again!"

One of them grabbed up his terrible gun, others caught up the lanterns, for it was night you know, and away they hurried after the dogs. Last of all was Farmer Brown's Boy, and he was chuckling to himself. What at? Why at the thought of how those other hunters were going to be fooled. He understood just what Bowser the Hound was saying—"A fox! a fox! a fox! a fox!"

"I guess this will end the hunt for Bobby Coon this night," said he, talking to himself as he followed the others. "Good old Bowser! He did just what I hoped he would do. He has done Bobby Coon a mighty good turn, though he doesn't know it. I hope that Coon will know enough to get away from here before these fellows find out that it is Fox they are chasing. This is the chance if he only knows enough to take it."

And Bobby Coon did. By the time the hunters returned, tired and very much put out, he was far away and safe.

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

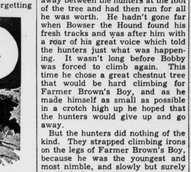
LITTLE STORIES FOR BEDTIME

by Thornton W. Burgess

BOBBY COON FORGETS THE MOONLIGHT

To say "I forgot,"
If you'll believe Bobby Coon,
Is the poorest excuse
Neath the sun or the moon.

BOBBY ought to know. In fact, he says that he does know. He knows because he has proved it more than once. Not that Bobby is in the habit of forgetting. Like Peter Rabbit, for instance. He isn't so careless as all that. He is far too smart and shrewd to have any such bad habits as forgetting. Still he does forget once in a while, and to forget once in a while may be as bad as to be in the habit of forgetting. Forgetting



Peering down from his hiding place, Bobby watched him coming nearer and nearer.

just once nearly cost Bobby his life. And it seemed such a little thing to forget, too. But, you know, life is made up of little things. Someone has said that if we take care of the little things the big things will take care of themselves, and this is quite true.

The thing that Bobby Coon forgot was the light from Mistress Moon. And he forgot that just a minute only. But that's the trouble with forgetting. A minute doesn't seem like much, but a minute, just a little minute, of forgetting sometimes means a whole lifetime of misery and regret. And sometimes it means the ending of a life.

Now, the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows have a great many things to remember, and it is no wonder that sometimes they forget one of them. But that doesn't excuse them for forgetting. That is one thing for which there is no excuse. It is no wonder that Bobby Coon forgot how bright was the light of Mistress Moon. It isn't easy to remember everything when you are terribly frightened. And yet often that is the time of all times when you should remember everything. Bobby Coon was terribly frightened. There was no doubt about that. He had reason to be.

Bobby had successfully climbed down one side of the young hemlock tree while Farmer Brown's Boy was climbing up the other side. Watching his chance, Bobby had slipped away between the hunters at the foot of the tree and had then run for all he was worth. He hadn't gone far when Bowser the Hound found his fresh tracks and was after him with a roar of his great voice which told the hunters just what was happening. It wasn't long before Bobby was forced to climb again. This time he chose a great chestnut tree that would be hard climbing for Farmer Brown's Boy, and as he made himself as small as possible in a crotch high up he hoped that the hunters would give up and go away.

But the hunters did nothing of the kind. They strapped climbing irons on the legs of Farmer Brown's Boy, because he was the youngest and most nimble, and slowly but surely he climbed up the big chestnut tree. Peering down from his hiding place Bobby watched him coming nearer and nearer. What should he do? What could he do? It wouldn't do to try going down the other side of the tree because there were no thick-leaved branches as on the young hemlock tree. The hunters would see him and simply wait for him. No, it was of no use to go down. He looked up. One long branch of the big chestnut tree reached over to a big pine tree. He would cross to that. Perhaps from the pine he might reach another tree. It was worth trying, anyway.

It was right then that Bobby forgot. He was so anxious to get to that pine tree that he forgot that the big chestnut had no leaves and that the light of Mistress Moon was very bright, very bright, indeed. He remembered when he was half way across, and then it was too late.

"There he goes!" yelled a voice down below. "Shoot! Shoot!"

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
Dean of The Moody Bible Institute
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for September 7

Lesson subjects and Scripture texts selected and copyrighted by International Council of Religious Education; used by permission.

REVELATION: A MESSAGE TO PERSECUTED CHURCHES

LESSON TEXT—Revelation 1-3.
GOLDEN TEXT—Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.—Revelation 2:10.

The Revelation is so little known that we need part of our first lesson for an introduction to the book. The fact that this is a "revelation" which God gave to Jesus Christ, "to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass" (1:1), should make us all eager to study it. But it is significant that there is a promise of special blessing to those who do read (1:3), and a solemn warning against tampering with the book (22:18, 19). Quite evidently God places great importance on the reading and study of this book. Can we do less?

The book is not easy to interpret, and men have differed greatly as to its meaning. There are four general schools of interpretation: (1) The preterist, which puts it all in the past. Since many of its predictions have not yet taken place, this view seems untenable. (2) The idealist, which regards the book as being entirely symbolical of spiritual principles. There is truth to this view, but it does not cover the historical events mentioned in the Revelation which are yet to take place in the world. (3) The historicist, which regards the book as mainly an outline of church history. This too fails to account for prophecies yet unfulfilled. (4) The futurist (which seems to be the best view); namely, that chapters two and three, while relating to actual churches then in existence, also outline the entire history of the church, and that the remainder of the book relates to future events. This is the interpretation which is largely held by conservative Bible teachers.

A brief outline of the Revelation is found (1:19) in the book itself:

1. "The things which thou hast seen" (John's vision)—chapter 1.
2. "The things which are" (the seven churches)—chapters 2 and 3.
3. "The things which shall be" (the six scenes; namely, seals, trumpets, personages, vials, dooms, and new things)—chapters 4 to 22.

Our lesson portion brings before us two of the seven churches of Asia—Ephesus and Smyrna—with their lessons for our day.

I. The Ephesus Church—Active but Cold, and Facing Judgment (2:1-7).

Following the salutation and the glorious vision of the Son of man (do not fail to read it, Rev. 1:9-18), John the apostle, who was the one to whom the vision came, is directed to write to the church at Ephesus, addressing it through "the angel" of the church. We do not know who he was, but since the word means "messenger," it may refer to a leading officer or elder.

The picture of the church at Ephesus was a very beautiful one. It was an active church, not afraid to work, patient under trial, commendably impatient with sin and worthlessness. It was not afraid to exercise discipline, to discredit false apostles, and to stand against the evil works of the worldly-minded. There would seem that there could be nothing more said for a church, but there was a vital note lacking. In activity they were perfect, but they had departed from their first love.

What is meant by leaving their first love? "First love is the abandonment of all for a love that has abandoned all . . . The church at Ephesus was still a remarkable church, but it lacked the element of that enthusiasm, which in the eyes of the calculating worldling, is imprudent. There are some people who imagine that this lack of enthusiasm is an advantage. May God have mercy on such. I pray the day may never come when the heroisms and enthusiasms of first love shall cease" (G. Campbell Morgan).

Repentance was called for, or God said He would extinguish the light of that church. The lesson for us is that cold orthodoxy will kill a church.

II. The Smyrna Church—Poor but Faithful, and Facing Persecution (2:8-11).

This is one of the two churches of the seven for which there is no word of rebuke, Philadelphia being the other. It was a poverty-stricken church humanly speaking, but rich in the sight of God. Such a church may be more useful to God and more precious to Him than a large church which is cold and indifferent.

What does He have to promise this church? Persecution. We who follow Him upon whom man spat, who was so buffeted and despised, yes, even crucified—shall we be surprised if a hostile world persecutes us?

Note that the Lord knew all about their sufferings, both present and future. He was with them and would continue to be with them, so they had no occasion to fear. Then at the end of their suffering there would be the crown of life.